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This is a communication from the Examiner in charge of your application.
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on _____ This action is made final.A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire _____ month(s), _____ days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

- Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892.
- Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948.
- Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449.
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, Form PTO-152.
- Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474.
- PTO-413

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. Claims 1 - 42 are pending in the application.
2. Claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.
3. Claims _____ have been cancelled.
4. Claims _____ are allowed.
5. Claims _____ are rejected.
6. Claims _____ are objected to.
7. This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8. Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
9. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are acceptable. not acceptable (see explanation or Notice re Patent Drawing, PTO-948).
10. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____ has (have) been approved by the examiner. disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
11. The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____, has been approved. disapproved (see explanation).
12. Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been received not been received been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____.
13. Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
14. Other

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1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I. Claims 1-11 and 39-42, drawn to a video editing system, classified in Class 360, subclass 13.

Group II. Claims 12-13, drawn to program rating system, classified in Class 352, subclass 6.

Group III. Claims 14-20 and 22-38, drawn to a video cable transmission system, classified in Class 358, subclass 141.

Group IV. Claims 21, drawn to cable transmission for appliance management, classified in Class 455, subclass 6.1.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions Group I, Group II, Group III, and Group IV are disclosed as different combinations which are not connected in design, operation or effect. These combinations are independent if it can be shown that (1) they are not disclosed as capable of use together, (2) they have different modes of operation, (3) they have different functions, or (4) they have different effects. (MPEP 806.04, MPEP 808.01). In the instant case the combinations Group I relates to video editing, Group II relates to video program ratings, Group III relates to home appliance management, and Group IV relates to video cable transmission systems.

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3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification and divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. The Examiner made an initial restriction on 5/5/93 with Mr. Max Abecassis wherein Mr. Abecassis elected without traverse claims 1-20 and 22-42 (Group I). Claim 21 (Group II) was not elected. After further review of the claims, it is deemed that there are numerous inventions. These inventions are set forth above. Because of the numerous inventions, Applicant is provided a written restriction for consideration.

5. Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mrs. Lisa Charouel whose telephone number is (703) 305-4379.

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